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N THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Gary K. Michelson, M.D.

Serial No.: 09/768,991

Filed: January 23, 2001

For: Interbody Spinal Implant with Trailing End Adapted to Receive Bone

Screws (as amended)

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated March 26, 2003, the period for reply having been extended for two months by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 30 of this paper.

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